

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF FSTP

10 KLD Fecal Sludge Treatment Plant

Thrissur



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10 KLD Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant at Thrissur, Thrissur District

This Manual is needed for the technical persons to be trained as Operators and helpers at the FSTP site at Thrissur. It contains Technical Guidelines for carrying out the works.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ACF	Activated Carbon Filter
ASR	Anaerobic Stabilisation Reactor
BOD	Biological Oxygen Demand
COD	Chemical Oxygen Demand
CCT	Chlorine Contact Tank
FSM	Faecal Sludge Management
FSTP	Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant
FRP	Fibre reinforced Plastic
HDPE	High density Polyethylene
HPGF	Horizontal Planted Gravel Filter
HP	Horsepower
KLD	Kilo Litre per Day
KPCB	Kerala Pollution Control Board
MOC	Material of Construction
MS	Mild Steel
O&M	Operations and Maintenance
PPM	Parts per million
PVC	Polyvinyl chloride
PSF	Pressure Sand Filter
SOP	Standard operating Procedure
SS	Stainless Steel
TBF	Tiger Bio Filter
TDS	Total dissolved solids
TMC	Thrissur Municipal Corporation
TSS	Total suspended solids
UPVC	Unplasticized polyvinyl chloride

1. THRISSUR TOWN

Keywords: Thrissur town, faecal sludge disposal, UNICEF, PriMove IDP

Thrissur is a city and capital of the Thrissur district in Kerala, India. It is the third largest urban agglomeration in Kerala after Kochi and Kozhikode urban areas and the 20th largest in India. It is located 300 kilometres towards north-west of the state capital Thiruvananthapuram. Thrissur City is well connected and serviced by rail to all major cities in India. Thrissur Railway Station is a major railway head in South India and is the busiest railways station in Kerala in terms of train halts. Thrissur is well connected by NH 544 and NH17 to other cities like Kochi, Kozhikode, Chennai, Bangalore, Thiruvananthapuram, Mumbai and Coimbatore by road. Thrissur is also known as the Cultural Capital of Kerala because of its cultural, spiritual and religious leanings throughout history, it contains the Kerala Sangeetha Nadaka Academy, Kerala Lalithakala Akademi and Kerala Sahitya Academy.

The city hosts the Thrissur Pooram festival, the most colourful and spectacular temple festival in Kerala which attracts quite a number of tourists and travellers, As of 2011 India census, Thrissur city had a population of 315,957, Males constitute 48.2% and females constitute 51.8% of the total population numbering 152,296 and 163,661 respectively, The density of population is 3,130/km². The total number of the households in the city is 66,827, The average family size in the city is 4.27 members, The city has a slum population equivalent to 0.30% of the total city population and 0.37% of the Kerala's slum population, Thrissur Municipal Corporation is spread over an area of 101.42 km². The city alone accounts for 38% of the urban population in the Thrissur District.

Country	India
State	Kerala
District	Thrissur
Area	101.42 km ² (39.16 Sq.M.)
Elevation	2.83 m (9.28 ft.)
Population (2011)	3,15,596
Density	3,100/km ² (8,100/Sq.M.)
Official Languages	Malayalam, English
Time zone	UTC+5:30 (IST)
Pin code	680001
Telephone code	+91-487
Vehicle registration	KL-08



Figure 1- Thirissur Map

2. FAECAL SLUDGE MANAGEMENT

Faecal sludge management (FSM) is the collection, transport, and treatment of Faecal sludge from pit latrines, septic tanks or other onsite sanitation systems. Faecal sludge is a mixture of human excreta, water and solid wastes (e.g. toilet paper or other anal cleansing materials, menstrual hygiene materials) that are disposed in pits, tanks or vaults of onsite sanitation systems. Faecal sludge that is removed from septic tanks is called septage.

FSM is necessary in densely populated areas where a proportion of population is not connected to a sewerage network, and the covering and rebuilding pit latrines is not possible. This is the case in most urban areas of developing countries, but such services are also used in developed countries where sewerage systems are unavailable. FSM services are usually provided by formal and informal private sector services providers, local governments, water authorities and utilities. However, in many developing countries FSM services are often unavailable or if they are available are often informal, unregulated, unhygienic, and unsafe. This can lead to surface water and groundwater pollution, spreading of pathogens into the environment and adverse public health impacts. It can also result in unreliable services with relatively high costs to the households which need them.

Faecal sludge collection services can be made available on a scheduled basis or on a call-for-service basis (also known as on-demand, on-request, or non-scheduled services). The collected faecal sludge may be transported to treatment plants by using a vacuum truck; a tank and pump mounted on a flatbed truck; a small tank pulled by a motorcycle; or in containers on a hand cart. Mobile or permanent transfer stations

can be used to improve the efficiency of faecal sludge transportation by transferring the waste to larger tankers for haulage to treatment. The wider use of multiple decentralized sludge treatment facilities within the city (to avoid long haulage distances) is currently being researched and piloted.

The Faecal sludge is collected by septic suction tanker or honeysucker and brought to treatment site. This “high strength” (relatively high organic content) Faecal sludge is treated with a Tiger Bio Filter system. The treated water may be provided optional tertiary treatment for polishing and disinfecting the effluent and utilized for gardening or irrigation activities. Another possibility is to use the treated faecal sludge after composting as a soil conditioner. Historically, the term night soil was used for faecal sludge.

This unique project is undertaken by Thrissur Municipal Corporation and is perhaps one of its kinds for Faecal Sludge Treatment and reuse undertaken by a local body in India.

3. NEED OF PROJECT

In August 2018 Kerala received worst flood after July 1924. Several NGO, GO’s and Private sector assist Kerala Government for Flood rescue and rehabilitation majors. One of the agencies UNICEF is actively engaged in rehabilitation measures. As part of their program, UNICEF selected PriMove Infrastructure Development Consultants Pvt. Ltd as a Contractor by e Tendering system with Purchase Order No. 81066913, Dt. 20th Dec 2018.

4. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Supply and Installation of Sludge Treatment Unit - Design Construction, Supply, Installation Testing & Commissioning of 10 KLD Capacity Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant based on Tiger Bio Filter Technology

Annual Maintenance of Sludge Treatment Unit – One-year Operation and Maintenance of Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant

1	Site Location	Mattampuram , near Corporation Flats , irattapalam road Thrissur 680540
2	Coordinates	Approx. GPS 10°35'11.3"N 76°15'13.3"E
3	Owner of the FSTP	Hon. Secretary , Thrissur Municipal Corporation
4	Contractor of the FSTP	PriMove Infrastructure Development Consultant’s Pvt Ltd
5	Required Area	1000 Sq.M.
6	Technology	Tiger Biofilter Technology

5. TECHNOLOGY OF THE TIGER FSTP - VERMIFILTRATION

Keywords: Vermifiltration, earthworms, sludge conversion, vermicompost

5.1. General

Vermifiltration is a more efficient method of sanitation relative to septic tanks and pit latrines¹. Earthworms are well known agents that promote digestion of organic waste, producing vermicompost. In vermifilters, worm-based sludge treatment is combined with water filtration to digest organic matter present in septage. The worms need only air, water, and sludge (food) to operate efficiently as a part of the vermifiltration system.

The Tiger Biofilter technique is based on vermifiltration. The technology uses a filtration arrangement consisting of Bio media to trap and treat impurities from faecal sludge / wastewater. The filtration medium is arranged in stacked manner with bio media (consist vermicompost, cocopeat and bacterial culture with worms) on top. The top layer serves as active zone habitat for Bacteria and earth worms specifically bred for the purpose, while bottom layers provides structural support and free drainage for clear water. The trapped impurities (Organic matter) are then consumed by bacteria and earth worms as an energy source for metabolism and reproduction resulting in reduction in organic matter (measured as Biochemical Oxygen Demand).

The system is designed with sufficient surface area and worm quantity. The worm consumes the BOD (Organic matter) load in 24 to 72 Hrs. making bed available for next loading. As the Natural oxygen transfer takes place no need of artificial air supply in form of blower resulting in less consumption of power and consumables and is therefore cost effective and environmentally friendly. The tiger bio filter uses far less energy and space compared to similar technologies.

Tertiary treatment in form of Pressure Sand Filter, Activated Carbon Filter and PurAll Chlorination can be used as an option for polishing the effluent.

¹ The technology is adequately studied and researched having references in **Manual on sewerage and sewage treatment (Second Edition)** by CPHEEO and MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT 1993 under chapter 26 EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT point no. 26.3 VERMICULTURE TECHNOLOGY.

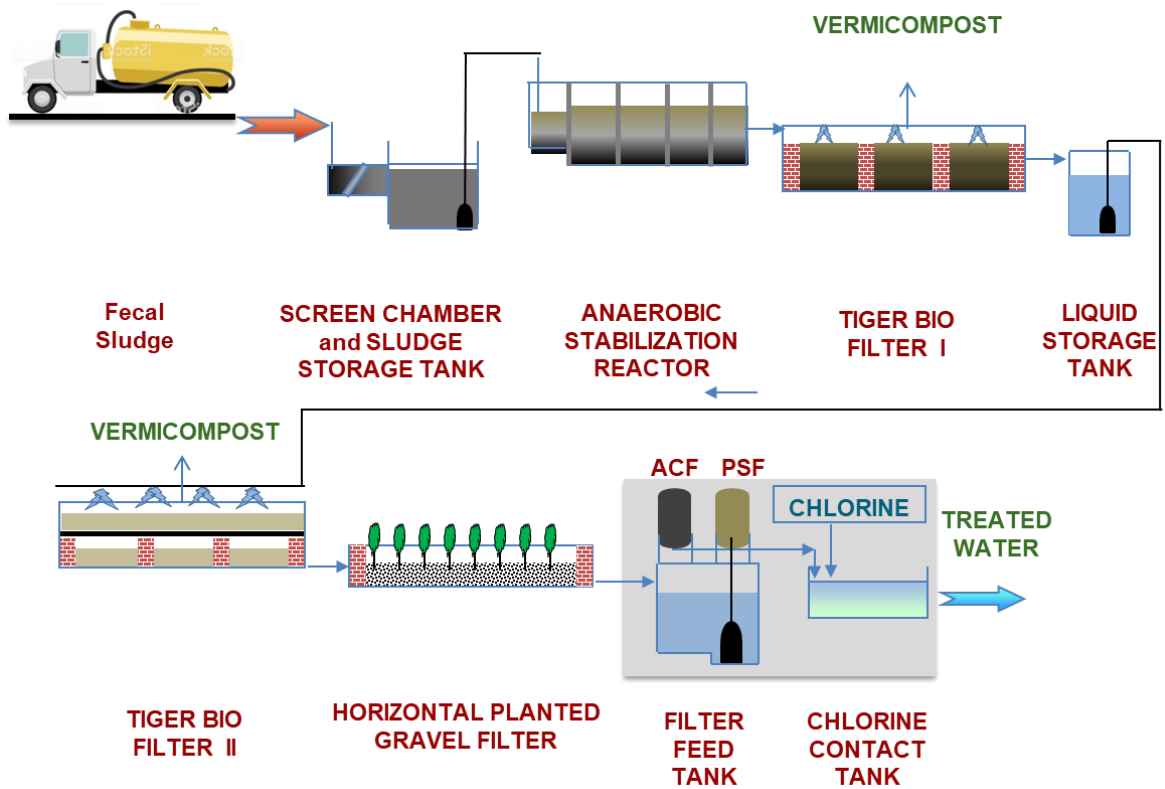


Figure 2 Treatment schematic ACF – Activated Carbon Filter, PSF- Pressure Sand filter

5.2. Component of Technology

Major components of the Faecal Sludge treatment comprise of primary and secondary treatment. Primary treatment removes inorganic solids, and comprises of screening, solid-liquid separation, and grit removal. Secondary treatment includes anaerobic digestion, Vermifiltration, and Polishing and disinfection. The technology units are explained as follows.

5.3. Primary Treatment

5.3.1. Screen Chamber with Sludge Storage Tank

Primary treatment is done by Screening the waste and removal of the inorganic and suspended particles from the faecal sludge. This is achieved by passing the sludge through a collection of filters of varying size, which retain this grit and allow the sludge to be treated more efficiently.

After screening by gravity septage flows to the Sludge storage tank called SST, It's a storage tank for the septage after screening. Total capacity of the tank is 5000 litres. After SST septage will pass to the next level of the treatment called anaerobic stabilization reactor (ASR). For passing septage from SST to ASR we are using pump. Level sensor based pump we are using and pump will operate automatically, as per level sensor.

5.4. Secondary Treatment

5.4.1. Anaerobic Stabilization Reactor (ASR)

The primary filtered sludge is passed through an anaerobic digestion tank, where a collection of processes breaks down biodegradable material in the absence of oxygen.

- The digestion process begins with bacterial hydrolysis of the input materials: Insoluble organic polymers, such as carbohydrates, are broken down to soluble derivatives that become available for other bacteria.
- Acidogenic bacteria then convert the sugars and amino acids into carbon dioxide, hydrogen, ammonia, and organic acids. These bacteria convert these resulting organic acids into acetic acid, along with additional ammonia, hydrogen, and carbon dioxide.
- Finally, methanogens convert these products to methane and carbon dioxide. The methanogenic archaea populations play an indispensable role in anaerobic wastewater treatments.

5.4.2. TBF Vermifiltration I and II (TBF I and II)

The separated sludge is passed to the TBF I and II Vermifiltration beds, where organic faecal waste is neutralized. These beds are set up comprised of earth worms, bacterial culture, and a material suitable to provide a habitat and respiration zone for earthworm growth and reproduction.

- The special Tiger worms used in the vermicomposting filter unit are capable of composting faecal waste. Organic matter is consumed by earth worms as an energy source for metabolism and reproduction.
- The system is designed accordingly with sufficient surface area and worm quantity. The worms consume the septage organic load and convert it to vermicompost. The system's layered media design encourages efficient treatment activity by the worms.
- Passing the treated filtrate through a secondary vermifiltration set up ensures complete neutralization of solid waste components.
- Lastly, the generated vermicast can be sold as safe, fertile vermicompost, contributing to the circular economy.

5.4.3. Horizontal Planted Gravel Filter (HPGF)

After TBF II partially treated water flows to the HPGF by gravity, Main function of the Horizontal Planted Gravel Beds is removal of the nitrogen and phosphorous from the TBF II stream. We are using the specified *Canna indica* plant for the HPGF.

- Operation of the HPGF depends on the Feeding of TBF II, as the treated water flowing to the HPGF by gravity from TBF II beds.

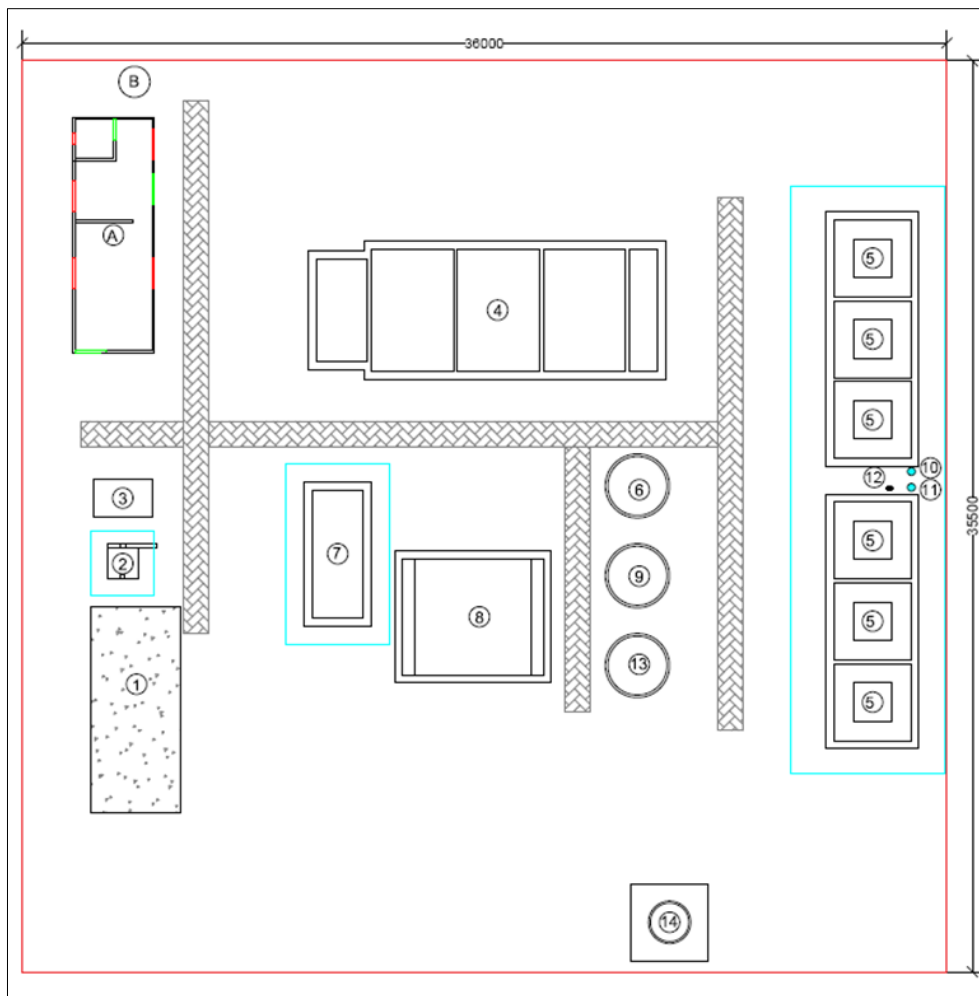
- Plumbing from TBF II to the HPGF is connected with pipes and water flows to the HPGF by gravity.

5.5. Tertiary Treatment

5.5.1. Polishing and Disinfection (HPGF Addition)

The treated liquid output from TBF Vermifiltration is polished and disinfected for safe human handling. This is a polishing unit, provided to remove any colour or odour remaining from secondary treatment. The disinfection by Chlorination is provided to make treated effluent safe for human handling and disposal.

5.6. Schematic Diagrams of the Plant



Process Unit Details								
Sr. No	Description	No	L/D	B	H	FB	Total H	MOC
			m.	m.	m.	m.	m.	
1	Unloading Platform	1	8.00	3.50	-	-	-	RCC
2	Screen Chamber	1	1.50	1.50	1.50	-	1.50	SS 304 L
3	Sludge Storage Tank	1	2.30	1.50	1.50	0.30	1.80	FRP + MS
4	Anaerobic Stabilization Reactor							
a	Mixing chamber	1	2.00	4.00	1.40	0.30	1.70	Brick
b	Digestion chamber	3	3.20	4.80	2.00	0.40	2.20	Brick
c	Discharge Chamber	1	4.80	1.10	1.00	0.70	1.70	Brick
5	Tiger Bio Filter-I	6	3.00	3.00	0.90	-	0.90	Brick
6	Intermediate Storage Tank I	1	Dia	2.30	1.90	1.20	3.10	R.C.C. rings
7	Tiger Bio Filter-II	1	5.00	2.00	1.20	-	1.20	Brick
8	Horizontal Planted Gravel Filter	1	5.50	4.50	0.60	0.30	0.90	Brick
9	Intermediate Storage Tank II	1	Dia	2.30	1.90	1.20	3.10	R.C.C. rings
10	Pressure Sand Filter	1	Dia	0.30	1.50	-	1.50	FRP
11	Activated Carbon Filter	1	Dia	0.30	1.50	-	1.50	FRP
12	PurAll 50+	1	0.30	0.15	0.30	-	0.30	FRP
13	Treated Water Storage Tank	1	Dia	2.30	2.50	0.20	2.70	R.C.C. rings
14	Soak Pit	1	Dia	1.00	1.20	0.30	1.50	Precast rings

Building Details						
Sr. No	Description	No	L	B	H	MOC
			m.	m.	m.	
A	Office Room +Toilet Block	1	9.00	3.00	300	MS+ FRP
B	Tiger Toilet Digester Pit	1	Dia	1.00	1.50	Precast rings

Figure 3 FSTP layouts drawing with unit details

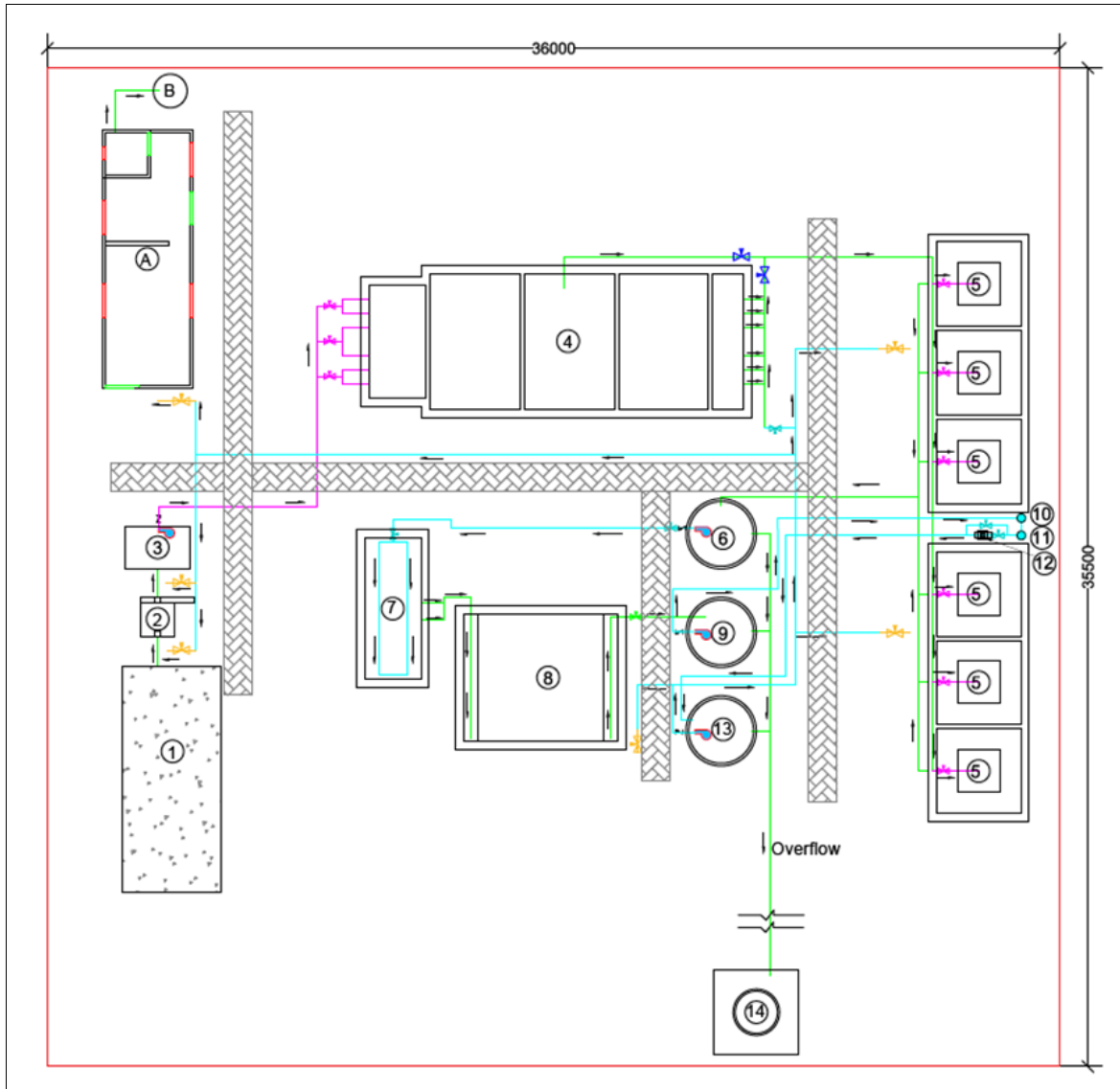


Figure 4 Flow diagrams with flow direction fstop Thrissur (plumbing data)

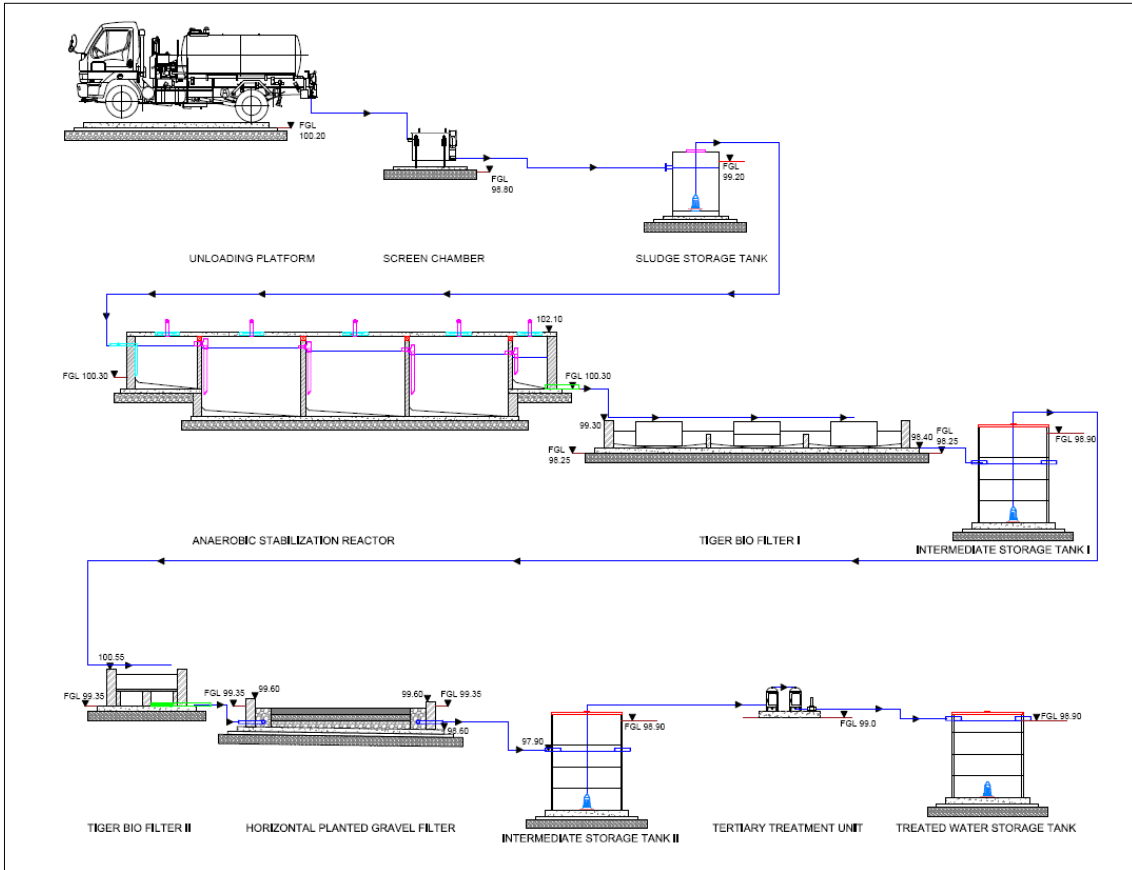


Figure 5 Hydraulic flow diagrams

6. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

This operation and maintenance (O&M) manual is the reference for the operation and maintenance of the equipment and processes that comprise the tiger bio filter (TBF) based faecal sludge treatment plant at Thrissur.

Plant in-charge, operators, and maintenance personnel shall use this manual and associated company and equipment manufacturer's procedures to operate the fstp in faecal sludge Collection system.

6.1. Collection of septage

6.1.1. Honey Sucker Vehicle

Honeysucker with pumping arrangement and piping for septage collection The Faecal sludge collection system includes, green hose pipe, valves, hose nipples, vessel for storing Faecal sludge like 2000 litres to 10000 litres capacity and 3 to 5 Generally, the job of carrying out suction from septic tanks and transporting the sludge to the treatment facility is done by a two-member team comprising of the suction truck driver and one helper. Commonly about 3000 to 6000 litres tanks are available. Vacuum pumping arrangement is available on the suction tanker to suck the septage from septic tank to suction tanker vessel.

The primary function of the collection system is to collect septage waste from the houses in the town while maintaining safe conditions by using honeysucker or septic tanker. The collected septage will be deposited at the FSTP.

6.1.2. Daily Preparation for the Emptying and Transport Service

- Receive work orders for the day Check the functioning of vacuum evacuator and equipment.
- Check personal protective equipment – All employees shall be responsible for maintaining their own personal protective equipment (such as gloves, boots, hat, face mask, Davy's lamp) in good condition.
- Check disinfecting and spill control equipment – Operators should be trained on identifying spills and proper methods of disinfecting. Sprinkle lime over spilled area, wait for 15 minutes, and then wash with water.
- Check Hoses – inspect hoses for cracks and wear – and discard or repair worn and broken hoses. Connecting the Hose in the correct manner using the clamp style fitting ensures a tight and leak proof connection. Use of twine and plastic for making connections causes leaks and requires clean-up.

6.1.3. Operating the Vacuum Evacuator

Operators should be familiarized with the proper operation of the equipment in use for each operation. This includes the physical operation of the truck, and all valves, piping, power take-offs and ancillary equipment for the vacuum evacuator (including

the tank, valves, hoses, and fittings). The following steps can be followed for operating the vacuum evacuator.

- Reach the first site and meet the building owner.
- Collect basic information about the septic tank, age of septic tank, family size and use of cleaning material.
- Before pumping, check the tank to look for perceptible damage to the structure and to verify proper piping is in place.
- Check the water level to get clues for tank condition: high levels (above outlet level) indicate a clogged outlet; low levels (below outlet level) indicate a leaking tank (or tank not in use).
- Check for back flow into tank during pumping and when pumping is complete. Flow back may indicate a problem with plumbing in the house or clogged disposal.
- Open the access covers, inspect the interior and exterior of the tank. If more than one, locate and remove lids (for at least 2 hours) from all compartments.
- Each compartment will require pumping after ventilating. Probe the tank with the last length of hose. This will provide an indication on the volume of sludge to pump.
- Start the pump or vacuum equipment. The operator should make sure there is suction and that the pump is operating.

6.1.4. Other Precautions

- Volume in the tank should start decreasing rapidly. Use hose to break up sludge and scum to the extent possible.
- After pumping is complete, check the tank for remaining sludge. If there are accumulated solids remaining, initiate the pump-back procedure, which is to send the pumped Faecal sludge under pressure back into the tank and direct this flow toward the sludge mass. This will break up the mass, making it possible to pump out. When the pump-back is complete, pump out the tank again (suction). When pumping is complete, wash the hoses and replace the tank lids. Clean up any spills and disinfect with lime or bleach solution.

6.1.5. Safely Transport Faecal Sludge to Sludge Treatment site

- Plan the trip so as to arrive at the disposal site within the specified disposal site operating hours.
- Report equipment malfunctions or required repairs immediately to supervisors.
- Open the valve and allow the sludge to flow via gravity into the screen chamber.
- After screening by gravity septage passing to the sludge storage tank.
- When the tank is empty, disconnect hose and clean tank and hose with water.
- Use all safety precautions with all safety equipment's during and after Septage receiving and disposal at site and keep site clean.

6.1.6. Manifest forms or simple receipts to be filled that specify

- Location or address of the pumped septic tank.
- Septage characteristics (residential or commercial).
- Name and address of the property owner or occupier.
- Volume of septage pumped.
- Any notes regarding tank deficiencies, missing pipes or fittings, improper manholes or access ports, cracks or damage observed.

6.1.7. Ensure Safe Practices

- Always keep first aid kit, gas detection lamp and fire extinguisher in the septage evacuator vehicle.
- Provide training to workers handling septage on safety and hygiene practices and how to use safety equipment.
- Provide fencing or compound around septage treatment facility premises
- Train staff and insist to wear helmets, gum boots, gloves, and all safety equipment while on work.
- Ventilate covered tanks/pits by keeping them open for sufficient period before entering.
- Paste list of emergency numbers on septage evacuator and at a prominent place in septage treatment / disposal unit.

6.1.8. Operations (Septage receiving)

- Start the pump for sucking waste from septic tank without spilling the septage.
- Close valve and vessel outlet properly with proper precautions while handling the valves.
- Empty the suction tanker at FSTP Screen Chamber and Septage Storage Tank
- Septage delivery must be made in the presence of FSTP operators, and as per scheduled delivery.
- Make sure schedule for various suppliers' delivery at FSTP septage with proper calendar and quantity of septage evacuated.
- Daily septage holding and treatment is 10,000 litres only. The plant cannot store excess septage, so it must be ensured that no excess septage derives to the FSTP.
- Ensure there is no spillage of septage while it is being emptied at the FSTP.
- Do not allow septage unloading at site without any pre-information about delivery at FSTP site.
- Only septage will be accepted for treatment. Kitchen waste from hotels and unknown sources waste is not allowed for treatment at FSTP.
- Septage will be accepted only during operating hours which are 8.00 am to 6.00 pm

- Filling the data sheet or form before unloading septage properly is the responsibility of the Plant In-Charge.

6.1.9. Preventive Measures

- Before septage unloading, ensure the waste comes from septic tank. If waste comes from unknown sources do not allow the unloading the waste at FSTP.

6.1.10. Corrective Measures

- If prohibited debris, plastic, sanitary pads, shampoo rappers, rubber, paper etc. material is present in the septic tank then if possible skip that waste during sucking or separate out at source.
- If valves of honeysucker are choked; remove and clean properly and reinstall with all necessary precautions.
- If waste spilling is detected at site or near septic tank while sucking the waste or unloading the waste, it must be cleaned immediately with safe handling by using a cleaning agent.

6.1.11. Troubleshooting- Treatment at site

PROBLEM	CAUSE	REMEDIAL MEASURE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faecal sludge will not transfer to screen chamber. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choking the valve. • Valves are not properly operated by helper. • Plastic waste, pads etc. blocked in the outlet pipe. • Suction pump not working properly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check and clean suction pump regularly. • Check and clean valves regularly. • Check and clean vessel regularly. • Follow SOP for collection of septage from septic tanks and operates the valves. • Replacement of damaged parts immediate.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensible smell Issue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to excess gas generation in the vessel. • Spoiling issue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unloading septage immediately after sucking from septic tanks. • Release gas during transportation to air regularly. • Clean contaminated area immediate by using cleaning agent.

6.1.12. Photos of septage receiving

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Septic Tanker

6.2. Screen Chamber

6.2.1. Components

Screen designed into stainless steel 304. A specified opening gap is kept between the bars. The screen frame is fixed in the bar screen chamber at an angle of 60° to the horizontal, leaning away from the incoming side. It must be ensured that there are no gaps left between the screen frame and the floor and the sides of the chamber. The upper end of the screen must rest against an operating platform, on which the FSTP operator stands to rake the debris collected at the grill. Bar spacing is in range of 2-5 cm, the screen is mounted at an angle of 45-70 from horizontal, Bars are usually 1 cm thick, 2.5 wide.

6.2.2. Function

The function of the bar screen is to prevent entry of solid particles/ articles above a certain size, such as plastic cups, paper dishes, polythene bags, condoms, and sanitary napkins into the FSTP. (If these items are allowed to enter the FSTP, they will clog and damage the FSTP pumps as well as choke the plumbing and this affect the plant operation.)

6.2.3. Operation of Screen Chamber

- Septic tanker outlet pipe will connect to screen chamber inlet pipe coupler and open the valves properly and allow flowing septage from septic tanker to screen chamber.
- Observe and clean the bar screen during emptying of faecal sludge from septic tanker using the hand rake.
- Check and clean the bar screen after complete draining of faecal sludge after every feeding.

- Do not allow solids to overflow/ escape from the screen
- After unloading of Faecal waste, clean the screen chamber immediately using water
- After screening we are collecting all screened waste and washing with fresh water and sun drying for few days. After sun drying spreading chlorine solution for disinfection, and with proper packing hand over to the solid waste dumping site for further treatment.
- With proper packing waste handing over to the solid waste dumping treatment site for disposal.

6.2.4. Preventive Measures

- Clean the screen chamber properly after receiving septage by using fresh water to control the odour.

6.2.5. Corrective Measures

- Replace corroded/ unserviceable bar screen immediately if gap between screen bars has increased.

6.2.6. Lab Testing and Reporting

- Data sheet should be filled properly during the operations at FSTP site.

6.2.7. Troubleshooting- Treatment at site

PROBLEM	CAUSE	REMEDIAL MEASURE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large solids particles pass through the screen, and choke the plumbing. • Overflow of septage from over the screen. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ignorance by helper. • Screen damaged. • Large solids passed though the bar screen due to high velocity during faecal sludge unloading activity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helper must check septage level heading up upstream side of screen and rake the screen during feeding, continuously if required. • Check frequently that the gaps between bars are appropriate, and if required, the screen should be repaired or replaced immediately. • Drain the suction tanker without pumping; also make sure faecal sludge coming from suction tanker pipe will not directly impact on bar screen.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excessive collection of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate operation by helper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helper must monitor the screen during emptying and clean as required

trash on screen		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excessive odour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spill over of septage during emptying. • Screened objects dumped near screen chamber. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helper must monitor and remove solids particles during feeding continuously. • Screenings to be removed immediately from site and dumped at designated location in waste dumping yard. • Clean screen chamber by water after unloading of Faecal sludge immediately

6.2.8. Photos of Screen Chamber

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Screen chamber

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Screen protection cover

6.3. Sludge Storage Tank (SST)

6.3.1. Components

After screening by gravity procedure septage is transient to the Sludge Storage tank. Sludge storage tank is a readymade tank with Fibre Reinforced Plastics (FRP). Capacity of the SST is 5000 litres.

After screening we are collecting the septage and then through pumping we are passing to the Anaerobic Stabilisation Reactor tanks (ASR) for next treatment stage.

6.3.2. Function

A function of the Sludge storage tank is holding the septage and then pump to the Anaerobic Sludge Reactor. The purpose of this tank is holding of septage after unloading at FSTP

6.3.3. Operation

- As per the level available into the SST pump will operate automatically, as we have provided sensor based pump.

- Observe the level and as per schedule operate the ASR pump for addition of septage into ASR for next treatment.
- As the SST capacity is 5000 litres, don't add excess septage.
- After addition of the septage through the screening check the pumping and pump will start as per the level available.
- We have provided two pumps with 1 HP capacity on is working and on is stand by for emergency use.

6.3.4. Preventive Measures

- Daily check the level into sludge storage tank after unloading the septage.
- Observe the Faecal sludge level and pumping, make sure that the tank does not overflow.
- Tank cover must close properly each time.
- After every three months, the tank should be clean to remove settled muck/ sediments.

6.3.5. Corrective Measures

- During septage unloading work, septage may spill out on the tanks. In this case, immediately clean the tank for safety purposes.

6.3.6. Lab Testing and Reporting

- Data sheet should be filled properly during the operations at FSTP site. See annexure A-2.
- Inlet sample will collect at this point for lab testing (raw sample).

6.3.7. Troubleshooting - Treatment at site

PROBLEM	CAUSE	REMEDIAL MEASURE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faecal sludge will not transfer to ASR. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to thick septage; pump clogging. • Plastic waste, pads etc. blocked in the outlet pipe. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check and pumping regularly. • Follow SOP for operates the pump and schedule for septage addition in ASR. • Replacement of damaged plumbing. • Check screening process regularly.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Odour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to storing septage for many days in the tank. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draining the tank regularly as per schedule. • Washing and cleaning tank frequently.

6.3.8. Photos of Solid Liquid Separation tank

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SST

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Screen to SST plumbing

6.4. Anaerobic Stabilisation Reactor (ASR)

6.4.1. Components

Anaerobic Stabilisation Reactor (ASR) mainly consist three parts, first is mixing chamber; second is digestion and third collection chamber. We have used 12'' bricks for the construction of the ASR.

Mixing chamber – After Sludge storage tank septage is pumping to the first chamber of the ABR called mixing chamber size of the mixing chamber is - 4*2*1.7 M. The purpose of the tank is proper mixing and homogenize the septage uniformly, Anaerobic digestion is a process where micro-organisms breakdown the biodegradable material in the absence of oxygen.

Digestion chamber/ Retention chamber - After mixing chamber septage is passing to the next chamber called digestion chamber, digestion chamber again divided into the three tanks, each tank size is - 4.8*3.2*2.7 M. Main purpose is to settle down the septage and flow; these tanks are used to reduce the organic load from fecal Sludge. This tank contains specially formulated bacterial culture which consumes organics from fecal sludge.

ASR collection tank - After retention tank waste-water coming into the last chamber called collection chamber, after collection tank collected partial treated water will flow to the Tiger Biofilter beds for further treatment.

Another important part is the plumbing and fittings we have used all UPVC material for all kind of the internal channel and fitting work.

6.4.2. Function

Anaerobic Stabilisation Reactor is a process by which micro-organisms break down the biodegradable material in the absence of oxygen.

Inoculum composes of bacteria capable of anaerobically degrading organic fraction. There are two types' Acidogenic and methanogenic; this is a proprieties item of the technology.

All tanks are used to reduce organic load from Faecal Sludge. This tank contains specially formulated bacterial culture which consumes organics from faecal sludge. This is a three-stage process.

6.4.3. Operation

- ASR operation will be start after septage delivery.
- Start the Sludge storage tank and add septage to the first chamber.
- Before addition septage into the ASR checks all valve and plumbing connection.
- Keep the visual observations like flies, gas bubbles etc.
- Maintain and provide data for daily and weekly updates.

6.4.4. Preventive Measures

- Check all valves and plumbing fittings regularly.
- Do not enter into the ASR opening without any proper knowledge.
- Check the air vent pipe regularly.

6.4.5. Corrective Measures

- If leakages from plumbing are observed, then repair or replace immediately.

6.4.6. Lab Testing and Reporting

- Data sheet should be filled properly during the operations at FSTP site. See annexure A-2.
- Sample from ASR will collect at the TBF-I bed point for lab testing.

6.4.7. Troubleshooting - Treatment at site

PROBLEM	CAUSE	REMEDIAL MEASURE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overflow/ Short circuiting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trapping air. • Plumbing breaking. • Did not proper closing of Air vent pipe. • Solid accumulation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check plumbing arrangement and air vent pipe. if choked remove or replace. • Always keep close air vent pipe.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leakage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improper plumbing work. • Breakage of plumbing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair or replace plumbing and fitting immediately.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presence of Inorganic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improper screening operation by operator. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check screening operation properly

waste.		
• No bubbling.	• No anaerobic condition maintaining.	• Make sure lid and vent pipe keep close every time.

6.4.8. Photos of ASR

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ASR Valve Arrangement

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ASR Plumbing

6.5. TBF Vermifiltration-I (TBF-I)

6.5.1. Components

Mode of the construction is brick work with FRP sheet support. TBF I contains 6 chamber bays with control valve.

After ASR collection chamber by gravity water flows to the TBF I beds.

This tank is constructed with Bricks and with complete Plastering work to prevent leakages. Six bays provided with the tank in tank design, each chamber Size is 3m*3m*0.90m.

6.5.2. Function

The sludge coming from the ASR tanks we are spreading on TBF I beds with 6 control valves. TBF I is a comprising earthworms and bacterial culture that provides a favourable habitat and respiration zone for earthworm growth and reproduction.

This tank is used to separate residual solids and liquid stream coming from Anaerobic Stabilisation Reactor (ABR). The offensive odors are completely removed in this stage. The trapped solids are consumed by earthworms and converted to Vermicompost thus reducing the organic load. The liquid stream leaves the tank from bottom and stored into the tank.

Biomedia composed of worm’s culture, bacterial culture and cocopeat it is a proprietary items of the technology.

6.5.3. Operation

- Check all valves before starting the ASR valves.
- Check all beds before adding the septage into TBF beds.
- One time one valve opening.
- Check the top layer of each respective bed layer if previous waste is converted and if so, check the quality of vermicompost and worm availability.
- Observe the beds during flow starting and ending for the worm's response towards the incoming solids from the ASR.
- Monitor Water logging activity daily- verifies time required for water draining.
- Check solid accumulation frequently.
- Vermicompost conversion observations - Check vermicompost formation through photos and monitoring on daily basis.
- Before feeding, check worm quantity and worms health.
- Check vermicompost conversion rate after feeding regularly.
- Keep observational records of baby worms and cocoon.
- Change the feeding chamber for every one-hour cycle.
- Feed alternate to the all three chambers to prevent the TBF beds from heavy loading and water logging load.

6.5.4. Preventive Measures

- Ensure all valves are closed after feeding is completed.
- Do not open all valves at a time. Only open one valve, as per schedule.
- Check TBF beds regularly as well as check worm quality and quantity.

6.5.5. Corrective Measures

- If solid excess accumulation is observed, then change the coir mats.
- If thickened wastewater comes from ASR, then as per site conditions, decide the use of alternate bays.
- Vermicompost will be removed after every three months if required, or as per availability.

6.5.6. Lab Testing and Reporting

- Data sheet should be filled properly during the operations at FSTP site. See annexure A-3.
- Sample will collect at the outlet of the TBF Vermifiltration-I at intermediate tank I point for lab testing.

6.5.7. Troubleshooting - Treatment at site

PROBLEM	CAUSE	REMEDIAL MEASURE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water logging. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excess solid accumulation on the TBF bed surface. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove excess solids as well as on mat or replace mat. • Stop the feeding.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inorganic waste present. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improper screening operation by operator. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check screening operation properly
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of flow. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choking of plumbing • Solid deposition in the pipe. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check and clean piping and fittings by using freshwater jet.

6.5.8. Vermicompost Removal

- Removal of Vermicompost from TBF first beds as per availability of the vermicompost requirement.
- First, observe the VC accumulation into TBF six chambers.
- As per VC generation rates from each chamber and TBF crates, collect all generated VC into one corner of each chamber and create heap.
- Use heap method for VC collection into each chamber.
- Keep all heaps rest for one day.
- On the next day remove the heaps carefully, avoid the worms and cocoon from VC during collection.
- Scoop the collected VC. Use safety gloves.
- Keep the VC into sun to dry for at least 15 days for disinfection before packing

6.5.9. Photos of TBF operation

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TBF first arrangements

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TBF I shed cover

6.6. TBF Vermifiltration-II (TBF-II)

6.6.1. Components

After TBF I treatment we are collecting the treated water we are collecting into intermediate tank II and through pumping we are distributing it on the TBF II bed surface.

Mode of Construction—we have used 12” cement brick are used for the construction of the TBF II beds sizes are - 2*5*1.2 M.

TBF II comes with the compacted Biomedia, bacterial culture and worms.

It comes with the internal plumbing and fitting with control valve for control flow.

6.6.2. Function

The technology uses filtration arrangements consisting of Bio media which contains worm's culture, bacterial culture and Cocopeat culture, Biomedia function trap and treat impurities from TBF vermifiltration-II. The filtration medium is arranged in a stacked manner with bio media on top. The top layer serves as active zone habitat for Bacteria and earth worms specifically bred for the purpose, while bottom layers provides structural support and free drainage for clear water. The trapped Impurities (Organic matter) are then consumed by bacteria and earth worms, resulting in reduction in organic matter (measured as Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)).

6.6.3. Operation

- Once started, the automated pumps will pump wastewater the appropriate levels from the TBF-I into a collection tank.
- Feeding pumps will operate alternately.
- Plant can run both mode automation and manual. If plant is on auto mode, there is no need to start pump - it will start itself by level sensors. If plant is on manual mode – check the water level into tanks and if a sufficient level is found in the tank, then start the pump.
- Flow checking is done by beaker and stopwatch.
- Make observations on worms' population, growth, colony formations, baby worms, and cocoon as per data sheet.
- Check piping arrangements regularly for avoid the leakage problem

6.6.4. Preventive Measures

- Check worm population in each beds
- Check plumbing and fittings regularly to avoid leakages

6.6.5. Corrective Measures

- If water logging condition is observed in the TBF II, check flow rate as per design.

- If water logging condition is observed in the crates, then check worm quantity and add if required.
- If worms are not present in the TBF II, then add more worms immediately.
- Vermicompost will be removed after every three months if required.

6.6.6. Lab Testing and Reporting

- Data sheet should be filled properly during the operations at FSTP site. See annexure A-3.
- Sample will collect at the outlet of the TBF Vermifiltration-II outlet at filter feed tank point for lab testing.

6.6.7. Troubleshooting - Treatment at site

PROBLEM	CAUSE	REMEDIAL MEASURE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water logging condition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excess flow rate. • No worms present. • Filter media disturbance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjust flow rate and check • Addition of worms • Check and replace filter media layers if required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smelling issue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improper treatment. • Dead worms in crate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check process of the treatment unit. • Remove dead worms immediately by gloves or put some fresh vermicompost.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varies in the flow rate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leakages from plumbing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check and repair or replace plumbing.

6.6.8. Photos of TBF II operation

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Distribution arrangement through the channels

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Shed for protection

6.7. Horizontal Planted Gravel Filter (HPGF)

6.7.1. Components

Horizontal Planted Gravel Beds are simple sealed shallow ponds filled with several drainage layers and Plants. Water coming from TBF II outlet is by gravity flowing to the top and dried by percolation and evaporation. The plants maintain the porosity of the soil and enhance the evaporation by transpiration.

Mode of construction – Brick work

Size of tank - $4.5 \times 5.5 \times 0.9$ with combination of different size of filter media

6.7.2. Function

Main function of the Horizontal Planted Gravel Beds is removal of the nitrogen and phosphorous from the TBF II stream. We are using the specified Canna indica plant for the HPGF.

6.7.3. Operation

- Operation of the HPGF depends on the Feeding of TBF II, as the treated water flowing to the HPGF by gravity from TBF II beds.
- Plumbing is arranged- From TBF II to the HPGF is connected with pipes and water flows to the HPGF by gravity.
- As per the design maintain the water level into the HPGF.
- Perforated pipes are used for even distribution flow for channel network.

6.7.4. Preventive measure

- Check water level of the HPGF.
- Check canna indica plant health.

6.7.5. Corrective measure

- If excess water seen into HPGF, Control the flow from the TBF II feeding.
- Replace the canna indica plant if seen less number.

6.7.6. Lab testing and reporting

- Data sheet should be filled properly during the operations at FSTP site. See annexure A-4.
- Sample will collect at the intermediate tank for testing.

6.7.7. Troubleshooting and treatment at site

PROBLEM	CAUSE	REMEDIAL MEASURE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bad water Quality. • Plant not growing properly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not function properly • Water not flowing properly. • Any foreign material stocked inside. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check flow and replace. • Take necessary action against the flow distribution network.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant not growing properly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check roots and distribution channels. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replant the canna plant. • Replace the distribution channels.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flow distribution network chocked. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign particles stocked. • Chocking in the pump or plumbing line or fittings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace the network if any damage found.

6.7.8. Photos of operation

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HPGF

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Canna indica plant

6.8. Pressure Sand Filter (PSF), Activated Carbon Filter (ACF) and Chlorination

6.8.1. Components

- PSF and ACF FRP Vessel.
- Filter Feed Pump.
- PurAll Chlorinator.
- Plumbing and Fittings.

PSF and ACF vessels are made in FRP. Diameter of each vessel is 0.3 M and height is 1.5m. In PSF, 10 mm gravel is used as a bottom support layer, followed by 6 mm chips, and the top of the layer is 500-micron filter sand which is used for filtration. In ACF, 10 mm gravel is used as a bottom support layer, and the top of the layer is anthracite carbon. The PSF and ACF are connected by plumbing. Once in a year we

have to wash the PSF And ACF media to remove clogged organics .Inlet water is pumped into the PSF, then the ACF, and then through the PurAll chlorinator. One chlorination cartridge can be useful up to 5 lac litres of treated water.

Chlorination unit has desired set unit is 5 PPM, and it can be treating up to 5 lac litres treated water.

We have provided 6 cartridges and it can treat total 30 lac of treated water.

6.8.2. Function

Tertiary treatment is used as a polishing and disinfection unit, provided to remove any colour or odour remaining from secondary treatment for safe handling of treated wastewater for gardening and irrigation. The disinfection by chlorination is provided to make treated effluent safe for human handling and disposal.

6.8.3. Operation

- Check water level in the Filter feed storage tank.
- Check operating pump I or II before starting pumping.

6.8.4. Preventive Measures

- Check valve arrangement first before starting the feed. Return and backwash valve should be closed during feeding.
- Check all valves are closed after feeding work is completed.
- Do not open FRP vessel or multiport valve without instructions.
- Do not change plumbing without instruction.
- Do not change PurAll valve adjustments.
- Do not open all valves simultaneously. Only open one valve as per schedule.

6.8.5. Corrective Measures

- If output water quality is not good, then a back-wash operation must be conducted immediately improve water quality from PSF and ACF.
- After chlorination, if chlorine is not present in the treated water, first check the cap of the PurAll – If red indicator shown, then open the PurAll cap and replace chlorine cartridge immediately.

6.8.6. Lab Testing and Reporting

- Data sheet should be filled properly during the operations at FSTP site. See annexure A-5.
- Sample will collect at the outlet of the Chlorination unit at Final Treated water tank point for lab testing.

6.8.7. Troubleshooting - Treatment at site

PROBLEM	CAUSE	REMEDIAL MEASURE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bad water Quality • Dirty Water at outlet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irregular backwash taking • Changing valves. Arrangements due to effect on inlet flow rate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take backwash immediately. • Adjust flow rate as per design flow.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smelling issue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irregular backwash taking • Lack of Chlorine or chlorine cartridge finished. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take backwash immediately. • Check and Replace immediately with new chlorine cartridge.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water not coming the PSF and ACF. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filter Feed Pump is not working. • Choking in the pump or plumbing line or fittings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check pump and if any particles choked in the pump then remove and check again • Check plumbing line and fittings first if any damages then replace it or if choking, clean it.

6.8.8. Photos of Operations

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PSF – ACF

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PurAll Unit

7. RESPONSIBILITIES OF STAKEHOLDERS

Keywords: Plant staff, PriMove IDC, TMC, duties, responsibilities

7.1. General

The Thrissur Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant will be operated by PriMove for a period of one year, as stated in the contract. After this period, the responsibility of operating the plant is to be borne by TMC. TMC will be involved in the O&M of the plant from an early stage, in order to professionally train the TMC staff in operating the plant. With this in view, the manual has been developed to serve as a guide to the O&M processes. The Plant In-Charge and helpers are the persons responsible for operating the FSTP. Thrissur Municipal Corporation and PriMove are also responsible for supporting the O&M team for successfully running the FSTP.

It is recommended that there should be a team of three persons to operate the plant in two shifts.

- Plant In-Charge for general shift.
- Two Helpers working in two shifts rotationally.

7.2. Plant In-Charge Role and Responsibility

The Plant In-Charge is responsible for ensuring smooth operation of the plant and to ensure proper functioning in terms of output parameters, equipment maintenance, regularly maintaining data and compilation of report etc. The detailed scope is given below.

Plant In-Charge's responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Know all the process related aspects outlined in this manual.
- Being familiar with applicable permit, state PCB requirements, monitoring, reporting and record forms that must be completed concerning FSTP operations
- Maintaining complete and accurate operation records.
- Know all safety standards and hazards related to the treatment facility.
- Know the capabilities and limitations of the complete Faecal sludge treatment system and how to best operate the system with changing loading and climate conditions.
- Notify TMC or PriMove of potential problems of a serious nature.

7.3. Helper's Responsibilities

The helper must be present and active daily onsite and on-call presence at the FSTP under guidance of Plant In-Charge.

Helper's responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Helper must be familiar with the equipment and processes of the FSTP.

- Helpers are onsite to perform continuous routine operations and respond to emergency or upset events at all times of the day, 7 days a week.
- They must have the ability and knowledge to operate FSTP equipment, collect, compile, and evaluate operating information, and to plan necessary actions and maintenance procedures to achieve continuous proper operation of the plant under the supervision of the Plant In-Charge.
- The helper is able to make sound judgment regarding when and where to obtain additional help.
- The helpers must notify the Plant In-Charge, TMC or PriMove of potential problems of a serious nature.

7.4. Management Responsibilities – TMC

Municipal support for the FSTP is an essential element of the properly conducted operation and maintenance program.

Responsibilities of Municipal management include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Regular and timely supply of faecal sludge from honey suckers / suction tankers as per schedule.
- Know-how to operate the system and the function and purpose of each major element of the system, including awareness of significant or frequently recurring issues associated with the system and specific elements.
- Ensuring the Plant In-Charge and helper is provided with current and appropriate technical manuals.
- Understanding the elements of periodic reports required by TMC and KPCB; ensuring that required operation and maintenance tasks are properly done, and ensuring the reports are accurate and submitted in a timely manner.
- Supply of electricity and water to operate the FSTP without any disturbance.

7.5. Management Responsibilities – PriMove

As the technology for the FSTP is a proprietary technology of PriMove IDC, PriMove shall provide the technological support necessary for the smooth functioning of the Thrissur FSTP. Responsibilities of management include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Technical support for plant operation and maintenance.
- Verifying data sheets and analysis report.
- Modification in the plant or process if require.
- Coordinate with Municipality about Faecal Sludge inlet and outlet if parameters vary.

7.6. Desired Qualification and background of Plant Operation team member

Plant In-Charge

- Diploma or BE in Civil / Mechanical / Environmental, preferably with experience of operating water treatment plant / sewage treatment plant / Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant.
- Basic understanding of operation and basic repair/ maintenance knowledge of operating small pumps, valves etc.
- Experience in handling and leading a team.
- Must be adept at record keeping and basic computer knowledge about MS office and emails etc.
- Good communication skill in English, Hindi, and Malayalam.

Plant Helper

- Minimum 10th / 12th passed, preferably with experience of operating water treatment plant / sewage treatment plant.
- Experience of composting/ vermicomposting/ solid waste treatment
- Required Communication skill in English, Hindi, and Malayalam.
- Willingness to work with compost/ sludge (with due safety measures).

8. NOTE ON HEALTH AND SAFETY

8.1. General

- Operator will be trained by plant in charge for minimum 10 days to understand the technology, FSTP safety terms and plant operation.
- The deep tanks – for deep tanks, any cleaning procedure or any handling procedure shall be done in the presence of supervisor.
- The gas generation risk at any end of the units (ASR) – particularly tanks, any gas generation in case of trouble shooting is expecting in such case the plant operators shall bring it to the notice of supervisor, supervisor, who should check issues, consult the engineer manager of the plants and accordingly make the safe removal of the gas before giving any access to the plant operators.
- Safety from mosquito-, insect- and snakebites – At the fstp the operators and supervisor shall use mosquito repellent while operating the plant. In case of insect bites, use Lacto calamine lotion (kept in the first aid box) as a first response. As a safety precaution from snakes and potentially dangerous creatures, keep torch into first aid box. Pointing work or closing of crevices should be done. Prevent any crevices and possible hiding places. In late evening place should be well lit.

8.2. Safety Procedure for operators

- This Health and Safety Rulebook is presented for the use of all employees of this utility to assist in the administration of our safety program and to provide means and methods that will aid in the performance of our various assignments in a safe and efficient manner.
- Employees working in the FSTP facility must be trained prior to commencement of work so that they are aware of the health and safety risks as well as the operational procedures associated with the FSTP. The following are important safety rules.
- It is the intent of the utility to conduct its operations in a safe and efficient manner with the utmost regard for the health and safety of the employees and the public. Safety is an integral part of everyone's duties and responsibilities.

8.3. Important safety rules

- Working with Faecal sludge requires adequate protection for operators. This includes wearing steel toed shoes, hard hat, rubber aprons, and protective glasses with side shields, protective gloves, and ear plugs.
- All authorized personnel working in the FSTP should have taken Hepatitis A and B vaccine.
- Operator need to keep his working area clean to minimize the risk of accidents.
- Regular personnel hygiene (like washing hands) is important to prevent illness.

- No person shall drink the water in the plant or the water that is discharged from the FSTP.

8.4. Handling of Septage

- Any person handling or operating the plant or handling any waste matter, whether treated or non-treated shall essentially use a mask and gloves and provide a mask and gloves to the honey sucker personnel who discharge the Septage from Septage vehicle.
- First aid box - Always place a first aid box at FSTP location that includes, Band-Aid and bandages, crepe bandage, antiseptic creams, Vicks, cotton, Dettol, Lacto calamine, seizer, diarrhea tablet and ORS packet The first aid box will be checked every week by the supervisor, and any consumption will be replenished within 24 hours.

8.5. Contact Personnel for Health and Safety

- Owner of the plant- Thrissur Municipal Corporation
- Operator of the plants - PriMove Infrastructure Development Consultants Pvt. Ltd.
- First respondent for Health and safety issue- Arun Mohan - Plant In charge, Phone- 09562559465.
- Second respondent – Rohit Patankar - Project Manager –Phone- 09595839521.
- Emergency contact number – DIAL 102
- Ambulance services - 108 / 9544411141.
- Civil hospital, Thrissur – Phone- 04872427383.

9. LIST OF ASSETS

A detailed listing of every part used in the plant

SR. NO.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY
A.	Screen Chamber and Solid Liquid Separator Tank	
1	Bar Screen MOC- Stainless Steel SIZE- 5 mm opening	1 Nos.
2	Plumbing MOC- UPVC Distribution System	1 Nos.
B.	Anaerobic Stabilization Reactor	
1	Mixing Chamber MOC – Brick Size: 2m× 4m×1.40m	1 Nos.
2	Digestion Chamber MOC –Brick Size: 3.20m×4.80m×2m	3 Nos.
3	Discharge chamber MOC –Brick Size: 4.80m×1.10m×1.10m	1 Nos.
C.	Tiger Bio Filter- I	
1	TBF -I MOC Brick Size: 3m×3m×0.90m	6 Nos.
2	Filter Media 12-20 MM Aggregates 6 -12 MM Aggregates	6 Nos.
3	Biomedia Vermicompost + Coco pit Tiger Worms and bacterial Culture	6 Nos.
4	Plumbing MOC- UPVC Distribution System Collection system	1 Nos.
D.	Tiger Bio Filter- II	
1	TBF -II Brick Size- 5m×2m×1.20m	1 Nos.
2	Filter Media 12-20 MM Aggregates 500 Micron Filter Sand	1 Nos.
3	Biomedia Vermicompost + Coco pit Tiger Worms and bacterial Culture	1 Nos.
4	Plumbing – distribution channel MOC- UPVC	1 Nos.

	Distribution System Collection system	
E.	Intermediate Storage Tank-I	
1	Intermediate Storage tank with Lid MOC-Reinforced Cement Concrete RCC SIZE- Dia -2.30m H-3.10m	1 Nos.
2	Pump for Distribution to TBF Vermifiltration- II Make, Pump- 1 working 0.5 HP (wilo)	1 Nos.
3	Plumbing MOC- UPVC Distribution System Collection system	1 Nos.
F.	Intermediate Storage Tank-II	
1	Intermediate Storage Tank-II MOC- Reinforced Cement Concrete RCC Size – Dia=2.30m H= 3.10m	1 Nos.
2	Pump for feeding to Polishing Make- Wilo, 0.5 HP	1 Nos.
3	Plumbing MOC- UPVC Distribution System Collection system	1 Nos.
G.	Treated Water Tank	
1	Treated Water tank with Lid MOC- Reinforced Cement Concrete (RCC) Size: Dia=2.30m H= 2.70m	1 Nos.
2	Pump for treated water distribution Make- Wilo, 0.5 HP	1 Nos.
3	Plumbing MOC- UPVC Distribution System Collection system	1 Nos.
H.	Polishing Unit	
1	Rapid Sand Filter MOC- FRP Vessel 0.3 M Dia X 1.5 M Height Multiport Valve Interconnecting Pipe and fittings 6 mm Aggregates 500 Micron Filter Sand	1 Nos.
2	Activated Carbon Filter MOC- FRP Vessel 0.3 M Dia X 1.5 M Height Multiport Valve	1 Nos.

	Interconnecting Pipe and fittings 6 mm Aggregates Activated Carbon Chips	
3	PurAll Chlorinator MOC- UPVC and FRP Interconnecting Pipe and fittings	1 Nos.
I.	Admin cum Control Room	
1	Portable Cabin MOC- MS fabricated Size- 9×3×3 M	1 Nos.
2	LED Tube Light	5 Nos.
3	Fan	3 Nos.
4	Bulkhead Door Light	2 Nos.
5	Switch and Socket Board	8 Nos.
6	AC provision point	2 Nos.
7	Office Table- MS fabricated with wooden Top	1 Nos.
8	Chair- Plastic -Deccan	4 Nos.
9	Toilet block(inside cabin)	1 Nos.
10	Wash basin	1 Nos.
J.	Others	
1	Platform for tanker unloading MOC- Reinforced Cement Concrete Size- 8 M X 3.5 M X 0.2 M	1 Nos.
2	Screen shed Size- 2.5× 2.5 ×3	1 Nos.
3	Shed for TBF I System MOC- GI fabricated with poly film and shed net Size- 30 M × 6M ×4.5 M	1 Nos.
4	TBF II shed Size – 8M ×3M×3M	1 Nos.
5	Platform for tanker unloading MOC- Reinforced Cement Concrete Size- 8 M X 3.5 M X 0.2 M	1 Nos.
6	Electrical Pole with LED Light each pole 2 LEDs	4 Nos.

Conclusion:-

It is hoped that this manual will guide and instruct in the operation and maintenance of the FSTP. PriMove has given one year of assistance of operation and maintenance. In case of any major issues that is not being solved and in case of doubts please feel free to contact PriMove.

10. ANNEXURE

Annexure 1

Data sheet for data collection during septage collection

Sr. No.	Description	Details
1	Date of Septage Collected	
2	Family Name	
i.		
ii.		
iii.		
3	Contact Number	
4	Vehicle Number	
5	Vehicle Driver Contact Number	
6	Locality	
7	Taluka/Block	
8	District	
9	No's of members are permanently residing in the HH	
10	Type of storage facility for septage	
		Septic Tank
		Single Pit
		Two Pit
11	Capacity of storage facility	
12	Date/Year of septic tank construction	
13	MOC of Tank	
		Brick tanks
		Readymade plastic tanks
		RCC tank
		RCC Pipe tanks
		Ferro cement
14	Dimension of the tank	

Annexure 2

Data sheet for data collection during septage unloading at FSTP site (A-D)

Sr. No.	Description	Details
A.	Screen Chamber	
1	Type of septage	Liquid / Semi Liquid / Thick Liquid / Solid
2	Odour during unloading	Yes / No
3	Type of inorganic waste present	Plastic / Pads / Rubber/ Paper / Others
4	Overflow during unloading	Yes / No

Sr. No.	Description	Details
B.	Solid Liquid Separator Tank	
1	Grit settlement level	_____MM
2	Odour during unloading	Yes / No
3	Overflow or Spillage	Yes / No

Sr. No.	Description	Details
C.	Grit Chamber	
1	Type of Grit	Liquid / Semi Liquid / Thick Liquid / Solid
2	Odour during unloading	Yes / No
3	Tentative Quantity	_____ Litre
4	Type of inorganic waste present	Sand / Plastic / Pads / Rubber/ Paper / Others

Sr. No.	Description	Details
D.	Anaerobic Stabilization Reactor(ASR)	
1	Type of septage	Liquid / Semi Liquid / Thick Liquid / Solid
2	Odour during unloading	Yes / No
3	Type of inorganic waste present	Plastic / Pads / Rubber/ Paper / Others
4	Overflow after passing	Yes / No
5	Chocking in the plumbing	Yes / No

Annexure 3

Data sheet for FSTP unit observations (A-D)

Sr. No.	Description	Details
A.	TBF VERMIFILTRATION-I	
1	Type of septage/wastewater	Liquid / Semi Liquid / Thick Liquid / Solid
2	Odour during unloading	Yes / No
3	Type of inorganic waste present	Plastic / Pads / Rubber/ Paper / Others
4	Overflow during unloading	Yes / No
5	Chocking in the plumbing	Yes / No
6	Presence of worms	Yes / No
7	Presence of cocoons	Yes / No
8	Presence of vermicompost	Yes / No
9	Water logging condition	Yes / No

Sr. No.	Description	Details
B.	TBF VERMIFILTRATION-II	
1	Type of septage/wastewater	Liquid / Semi Liquid / Thick Liquid / Solid
2	Odour during unloading	Yes / No
3	Type of inorganic waste present	Plastic / Pads / Rubber/ Paper / Others
4	Water logging condition	Yes / No
5	Side draining from TBF beds	Yes / No
6	Chocking in the plumbing	Yes / No
7	Presence of worms	Yes / No
8	Presence of vermicompost	Yes / No

Sr. No.	Description	Details
C.	Horizontal Planted Gravel Filter (HPGF)	
1	Type of septage/wastewater	Liquid / Semi Liquid / Thick Liquid / Solid
2	Odour for sample	Yes / No
3	Canna plant health	Yes / No
4	Water logging condition	Yes / No
5	Water level	Yes / No
6	Chocking in the plumbing	Yes / No

Sr. No.	Description	Details
D.	Polishing	
1	Type of water	Liquid / Semi Liquid / Thick Liquid / Solid
2	Solids are present	Yes / No
3	Odour during unloading	Yes / No
4	Chocking in the plumbing	Yes / No
5	Quality of treated water	Best / Good / Poor
6	Chlorine Smell	Yes / No

Annexure 4

Basic Information and Technical Information

Date		Time		am/pm
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1. Basic Information (Must be completed by the septage emptier (person))

Complete Name			
No's of members are permanently residing in the HH			
Phone Number			
Complete Address			
Taluka/Block		District	

2. Technical Information (Must be completed by the septage emptier (person))

Volume of septage emptied (litres)			
Type of storage facility for septage	Source		
Holding Tank		Residential	
Septic Tank		Restaurant	
Single Soak Pit		Office/commercial	
Two Soak Pit		Industrial	
Other (specify)		Other (specify)	
Date/Year of septic tank construction			
MOC of Tank			
Brick tanks		RCC tank	
Plastic tanks		RCC Pipe tanks	
Dimension of the tank			
Length		Width	
		Height	

The undersigned being duly authorized hereby certifies to the accuracy of the source and type of collected septage identified above and subject to this manifest.

Date	Signature
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Annexure 5

Information about the Honey Sucker Supplier:

(Must be completed by the Plant In-Charge)

Company Name	
Vehicle Driver Name	
Vehicle Driver Contact Number	
Type of Vehicle	
Vehicle Number	
Trip Code	

The above evacuator delivered the described septage to this FSTP and it was accepted.

Date	Signature of authorized Plant In-Charge
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Annexure 6

Daily / Weekly Activity Schedule

Sr. No	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
	8.00 to 6.00	Works to be carried out every hour Open valve and allow passing faecal sludge from ASR TO TBF I							
		Removal of Screening waste from Screen every time when unloading work is started Washing of the screen chamber and screen after unloading of faecal sludge Back wash							
		Daily updates all data into the Dropbox files and report into the register							
		Feeding to TBF I - BED 1	Feeding to TBF I - BED 2	Feeding to TBF I - BED 3	Feeding to TBF I - BED 4	Feeding to TBF I - BED 5	Feeding to TBF I - BED 6		
		Cleaning housekeeping of the plant area, water spreading in the garden, etc.							
		Checking water level in the TBF-I feed pump and operation for TBF beds							
		Once in a week meeting with municipality about plants operations update or any trouble shooting about plant operations							

Annexure 7

Monthly Activity Schedule

Sr. No	Time	Monthly Routine Activity	
	As per schedule	Once in a month all pumps need to be check by authorised person to ensure all pumps are in a working condition.	
		Once in a month check all electrical panels and electrical fitting checking and repairing if required.	
		Once in a month ASR accumulation checking from all the chamber tanks as per procedure.	
		Meeting with Thrissur Corporation and DC meeting for update about the plant operations.	
		Once in a month meeting with Honey suckers about the updates about Septage order and any other issues if any.	
		Submission of the Monthly progress report to the UNICEF and Thrissur Corporation.	
		Once in a month collect all stages sample for analysis and analyse to check the performance of the plant.	

Annexure 8

Periodic Activity Schedule

Sr. No	Time	Periodic Activity	
	As per schedule	Vermicompost removal from TBF first beds and packing for sell	
		Vermicompost removal from the TBF II beds and packing for sell	
		FSTP site visit by Project manager to ensure that the plant perform as expected, and conduct troubleshooting if required	

Annexure 9

Technical Credentials

Peer Reviewed Publications

- Dr. Michael Templeton, Imperial College, London published a paper on Tiger Toilets at International Water Association Conference S@SMALL for Sustainable Solutions for Small Water & Wastewater Systems, Nantes, France, Oct. 2017
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Annexure 10

Intellectual Property

1. Tiger Toilet

“TOILET SYSTEM OFFERING SAFE AND COMPLETE WASTE TREATMENT IN DIFFICULT TERRAIN”

PATENT NO. WO 2018/225082 A8

2. Tiger Toilet

“SYSTEM OF TREATMENT OF SEWAGE WASTE FOR ON-SITE SANITATION”

PATENT NO. WO 2017/29682 A1

3. Tiger Toilet

“TOILET SYSTEM OFFERING SAFE AND COMPLETE WASTE TREATMENT IN DIFFICULT TERRAIN”

PATENT NO. 201721018207 A

4. Tiger Bio-Filter

“SYSTEM FOR TREATMENT OF SEWAGE BY VERMIFILTRATION”

PATENT NO. 201721031518 A
